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and it was finally decided that twelve Judges should remain here and that three of the existing Judges should go over to the Andhra State."

SRI K. BHASHYAM :—" Sir, in view of the fact that the Andhra Government have got seven posts of Judges to be distributed as patronage, is it not a case of injustice to the Madras legal profession and the Madras Government to be deprived of any such advantage? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" That was the view of this Government, Sir, but unfortunately the Union Government did not agree with us."

SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN :—" Sir, I understand that 60 per cent of the cases in the old High Court of the composite State was from the Andhra area and only 40 per cent from Madras. May I know whether the Madras Government are justified in retaining twelve Judges even granting that it is only a temporary measure? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, the ratio 60 : 40 does not give a true picture. Here we have got the Original Side, which does not exist in the Andhra High Court. Apart from that, in view of the pendency of a large number of cases, here, the Chief Justice considers it necessary to have twelve Judges."

SRI V. GURUNANDAN ROW :—" Sir, in the Government's view, what would be the number of Judges that would be normally necessary for the Madras High Court? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—"Sir, if we continue to have the Original Side, we should have at least ten Judges."

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM :—" In view of the remarks that have been made here, will the Government consider the reduction of the number of the High Court Judges? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" As and when Judges retire, perhaps we may not fill up the vacancies."

Uniform set of leave rules in respect of teachers in aided secondary institutions.

* 152 *Q.*—SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance and Education be pleased to state with reference to Starred Legislative Council Question No. 21 answered on 12th March 1953 what steps the Government have taken to provide uniform set of leave rules in respect of teachers in aided secondary institutions?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" At present the managements of aided secondary schools have discretion to

frame their own leave rules for the teachers under their employ. But for purposes of grant, sick leave not exceeding four months at a time and limited to one year in the whole service of the teacher is allowed. The question of prescribing uniform leave rules in respect of teachers in the aided secondary schools was examined as assured on the floor of this House. In view of the financial commitment involved, and the difficulty in enforcing the leave rules and as the teachers belong to the vacation department having to work for only 180 days in the year, it was decided that the existing practice of allowing managements to frame their own leave rules might be continued."

Sri G. KRISHNAMOORTHY :—" Sir, are the Government aware of the fact that in the case of 20,000 and odd elementary schools they have got a rule in force and will the Government kindly see that what is applicable to the 20,000 and odd elementary schools is easily made applicable to the 1,000 middle and high schools? "

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, I have already mentioned that the teachers have got to work only for 180 days in a year and the rest of the 185 days are holidays for them. Therefore, I do not think it necessary to go into the question."

Sri G. KRISHNAMOORTHY :—" Sir, I wish to bring to the notice of the Hon. Minister that the statement that they work only for 180 days in a year is not correct inasmuch as they have to do other kinds of work like preparation, correction, etc., which engages them for more than 220 days or the equivalent of the number of days a non-gazetted officer works. In view of that fact, will the Government kindly see that these teachers, who have also got domestic difficulties, are also made eligible for a uniform set of leave rules? "

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, this question has been considered once when Dr. Krishna Rao was in charge of the Education department. I do not think that any useful purpose will be served by considering this question again. Anyhow, I shall look into the matter."

Sri G. KRISHNAMOORTHY :—" May I bring to the notice of the Government that there are institutions which do not grant even one day's privilege leave to the teachers and that teachers are being harassed like anything? "

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, if there are any such hard cases, they may be brought to the notice of the Government."

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